

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 6, 2006, the Applicant filed a Reply and Amendment on March 5, 2007. It is respectfully submitted that a *bona fide* attempt to reply to the Office Action mailed on September 6, 2007 was made by the Applicant. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR §1.121 was mailed on May 18, 2007 and a *bona fide* attempt to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was filed on August 16, 2007. A second Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed on November 13, 2007. Accordingly, this submission is responsive to the Notice mailed on November 13, 2007 and includes Appendix A, which incorporates the amendments to the claims from the June 29, 2006 Amendment. No new amendments to the claims have been made since the June 29, 2006 Amendment.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

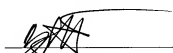
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 CFR §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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